

In the Application of:  
SCHMAUS et al.  
Serial No.: 10/790,770

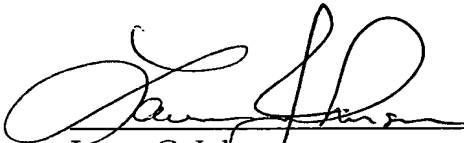
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**REMARKS**

Following the suggestion of the examiner, claims 8, 9, 11, 12, 19 and 20 have been rewritten into an independent format. The nonelected claims have been cancelled as well as those subject to rejections for obviousness and anticipation. New claims have been presented that are based on the allowed and claims that were indicated to be allowable if rewritten into an independent format.

It is believed that all outstanding objections to allowability of the claims in this application have been removed. Accordingly, a notice of allowability is respectfully requested for claims 5, 8-12, 15, 17, 19-21, and 24-40.

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